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TAGS: ETRD, SOPN, CA

SUBJECT: TORONTO STAR ON AUTO PACT (AGAIN)

REF: TORONTO 1672

1. IF JAWBONING THE AUTO MANUFACTURERS TO USE MORE CANADIAN-  
PRODUCED PARTS FAILS, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR TO THEM  
THAT THE ALTERNATIVE IS SCRAPPING THE AUTO PACT, SAYS THE TORONTO  
STAR IN A LEAD EDITORIAL, JULY 27.

2. AMONG THE PROBLEMS FACING THE CANADIAN AUTO PARTS INDUSTRY,  
ACCORDING TO THE STAR, ARE THE FOLLOWING: (A) BECAUSE OF  
DIFFERENTIALS IN AUTO PRICES, CANADAINS "ARE CONTRIBUTING DOLS  
230 MILLION A YEAR TO THE U.S. AUTO INDUSTRY'S RESEARCH  
AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGETS" BUT LITTLE IF ANY R & D IS BEING DONE  
IN CANADA; (B) MARKET FOR LESS SOPHISTICATED, STANDARDIZED PARTS  
"ASSIGNED (TO CANADA) BY THE U.S.-CONTROLLED AUTO INDUSTRY" IS  
BEING LOST TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES SUCH AS MEXICO AND ARGENTINA;  
(C) INCREASING AMOUNT OF PARTS BEING PRODUCED BY AUTO COMPANIES  
OWN PLANTS, LEAVING LITTLE ROOM FOR EXPANSION OF INDEPENDENT  
CANADAIN PARTS MANUFACTURERS; (D) MUCH OF CANADIAN PARTS  
INDUSTRY IS OWNED BY U.S. FIRMS WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO  
SHIFT PRODUCTION TO CANADA.

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3. DOLS 230 MILLION CANADIAN "CONTRIBUTION" TO U.S. AUTOMOTIVE  
R & D BUDGETS IS NOT EXPLAINED BY THE EDITORIAL. CANTWELL

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